



## Character Education Resource Center

### News You Can Use –September 2018

**"Remember. The Force Will Be With You Always." *Star Wars***

Reyes Quezada is the new Chairperson of the Department of Learning and Teaching. Reyes writes and teaches in the areas of Bilingual Education, K-12 Teacher Recruitment, Issues on Faculty of Color, Instructional Models, Home-School Community Partnerships, Experiential Education and Physical Education Through Adventure Based Programs.

He came to USD in 1999 from the University of Redlands and prior to that he taught at California State University, Stanislaus.

**The Music Man**—One of my favorite musicals and maybe the first RAP musical of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

"You got trouble my friends right here in River City and it starts with "A "and that stands for "Attendance."

We had our lowest attendance at the Character Matters Conference (June) in 24 years.

**"You want answers?" "I want the truth!" "You can't handle the truth!" *A Few Good Men***

The truth is we had competition – several local teacher development programs going on the week of our conference.

**"Go ahead, make my day!" *Sudden Impact***

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**"My Mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get.' "** *Forrest Gump*

CERC has a partnership with The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation (Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum) co-sponsoring their annual fall semester essay contest for middle and high school students. We always receive a variety of “delicious” essays from students who enter this contest.

Questions/information: [education@flyingleathernecks.org](mailto:education@flyingleathernecks.org)

**"What we've got here is a failure to communicate."** *Cool Hand Luke*

Not Us! We keep in touch. We are the “go to” Resource Center for the latest information on character education research, references, programs, and strategies.

We publish a monthly newsletter and blog.

We provide information about:

- + character education + social-emotional learning + service learning
- + thinking and social skills + virtues and values + bullying
- + contests & courses + civics education & citizenship
- + service to schools + professional develop + peace education
- + ethics/moral education + problem-based & service learning
- + character building instructional programs and strategies
- + classroom management + discipline programs
- + evaluation methods + organizations & associations

*Our Motto:* If we don't have it, we can get it, or create it.

AND REMEMBER

**"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it** *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

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**Kick off Your School Year with a Touchdown**

**SATURDAY MORNING SEMINARS**

8:15 -12:15—USD CAMPUS

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**—General Session: [Top Ten Tips for a Stellar School Year](#)

BO sessions: 50 Minutes for 5 Questions About Character Education  
Time Management in Your Classroom

Research reveals that over 40 percent of new teachers reported feeling either “not at all prepared” or “only somewhat prepared” to handle a range of classroom management or discipline situations. The same report said it was “the top problem” identified by teachers.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – General Session: Emotional Resiliency: Cultivating Educator’s Energy and Joyfulness

BO sessions: Cultivate Conscious Kids  
Transformative Relationships

A [2011 meta-analysis looking at](#) over 270,000 students, for example, found that students who participated in an SEL program showed academic gains of more than 11 percentile points over those who had not participated. And a [2015 study](#) between economists and Teachers College revealed an \$11 long-term economic gain for every \$1 spent on a rigorous SEL program.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** –Problem-Based Learning and Service Learning

Project- or problem-based learning is what happens when we dissolve the invisible boundaries between content areas in order to help students engage with the world as it is.. Service learning grants all students the chance to get outside conventional learning confines to explore the world around them, while providing them with a range of other interpersonal and intrapersonal benefits. Program in planning stage.

FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION AND HOW TO REGISTER CONTACT  
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**U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day on September 17**

You can find more information about the creation and history of the Constitution on "[America's Founding Documents](#)" on the National Archives website. And learn about the Constitution in our "[Exploring the United States Constitution](#)" eBook and our [Constitution course on iTunes U](#)!

[Leadership Perspectives on Public Education: The Gallup 2018 Survey of K-12 School District Superintendents](#)" shows significant concern

among district leaders in regard to preparing students to be engaged citizens, with 74% agreeing or strongly agreeing that doing so presents a challenge, compared to 50% last year.

**CHARACTER DAY === SEPTEMBER 26**

Join millions of people around the globe for the fifth annual Character Day. Join the conversation around the importance of developing character strengths such as resilience, grit, empathy, courage, and kindness.

All you will need to know about celebrating Character Day will be found at

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